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Branchville Correctional Facility is Recommended for Re-accreditation

Tell City, Indiana (July, 3 2008) – Branchville Correctional Facility was recommended for re-accreditation following a three day audit conducted by the American Correctional Association. The audit process consists of examining both mandatory and non-mandatory standards, along with an overall inspection of the daily operations of the facility. The audit team consisted of three correctional professionals, Tressie Hastings, Herminia Carbon, both from Ohio, and Jim Potiseck from Pennsylvania.

Branchville Correctional Facility passed 100% of all mandatory standards and 97.7% of the non-mandatory standards. Ms. Hastings stated, “Both the results of the standard review and the inspection of the facility show the true professionalism of this facility and the Indiana Department of Correction as a whole. By example, the staff members at Branchville Correctional Facility are showing the offender population how to live productive lives and to also give back to their communities.”

Ms. Carbon and Mr. Potiseck were very impressed by the number of re-entry opportunities offered to offenders at Branchville and the collaboration between both treatment and custody staff to offer these programs in an efficient manner. They stated, “The years of staff experience, knowledge, pride and dedication to their careers provide offenders the opportunity for change and show there is more to life than their criminal past.”

“I am pleased with the phenomenal effort displayed at the Branchville Correctional Facility,” announced J. David Donahue, Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner. “The staff is to be commended for their outstanding professionalism and dedication to corrections, re-entry and public safety.”

“I am extremely proud of the hard work the staff at Branchville Correctional Facility put into preparing for this audit,” said Superintendent Gil Peters. “However, this was not a scripted show put on to satisfy the audit team. What the auditors witnessed is a true picture of our facility and staff. I would like to let the staff know their efforts and dedication brings great credit upon themselves, Branchville, and Indiana Department of Correction.”

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